

14. (New) The longitudinal folding device of claim 13 including a machine frame and at least one rocker element connecting said paper deflection device to said machine frame.

15. (New) The longitudinal folding device of claim 13 further including vibrators for said paper deflection device, said vibrators being selected from a group including electric starter vibrators, compressed air turbo-vibrators, compressed air ball vibrators, compressed air roller vibrators, compressed air turbine vibrators, flyweight vibrators with pneumatic and hydraulic motor drives, compressed air piston vibrators, and compressed air interval beaters.

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REMARKS

The verified translation of the German language text of PCT/DE00/00847, which translation was filed on January 7, 2002, has been cancelled in favor of the accompanying Substitute Specification. No new matter has been added and a marked-up copy is enclosed. The substitute specification places the application more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice and includes the changes made in the PCT application.

A suitable Abstract has been added. This also does not include any new matter.

Claims 1-8 have been cancelled in favor of new claims 9-15. These new claims correspond to the claims now pending in the PCT application and have been re-written

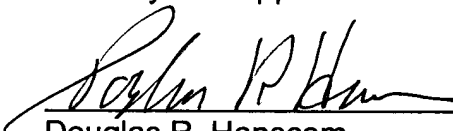
more in a form in accordance with U.S. practice.

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination of the application on its merits is respectfully requested.

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